

A Better Future

for Britain

Investing in our schools

Tackling the climate emergency

JO SWINSON:

Britain's next Prime Minister

Rejecting the politics of
division and hate. *See inside*



The two OLD parties have FAILED Britain



"Both the Conservatives and Labour look set to lose a majority of those who voted for them in the 2017 General Election."

YouGov, 17th May 2019

"Boris Johnson's adviser Dominic Cummings: Tory MPs 'don't care' about poorer people or NHS."

Sky News, 31st July 2019

"Three Labour Lords have quit the party over its handling of the anti-semitism."

Daily Mirror, 9th July 2019

"Parliament suspension: Thousands protest across the UK."

BBC News, 31st August 2019

**Exclusive
Interview**

JO

The Prime

We sit down with Jo Swinson - the woman tipped to be Britain's next Prime Minister - and find out what makes her tick.

Jo, what would your first priority be when Prime Minister?

Stopping Brexit. Whether delivered by Jeremy Corbyn or Boris Johnson, Brexit will be disastrous for Britain - I believe there is no deal better than being a member of the EU. Any Brexit will be bad for jobs, restrict our rights and harm our ability to tackle the climate crisis.

What got you into politics?

When I was young, my Dad always taught me to believe that we can change things for the better. It started by signing Body Shop petitions as a teenager and I ran several campaigns when I was at university. I was MP for my home seat for a decade from 2005.

I got back into politics in 2017 because I saw the direction the country was going in, and I knew I had to stand up for the open, liberal values that I've fought for all my life. In the face of nationalism, populism and Brexit, I couldn't stand by and do nothing.

What do you think of the state of British politics now?

We are in a state of national crisis. The Prime Minister unlawfully shut down Parliament and for years now we have had a government unable to solve the Brexit issue.



**Jo Swinson's
Lib Dems are
on the rise:**



**May
2019**

**Lib Dems gain over
700 new councillors at
the council elections.**

SWINSON

Minister we deserve

As a result the other big issues of the day – like our education system, tackling the climate emergency and creating an environment in which our economy can grow and businesses can flourish – are being forgotten about.

These very pressing issues have been so low down the pecking order they haven't even got a look in.

And who is it that suffers? Is it Boris Johnson? Is it Jacob Rees-Mogg? No, it's people like you and me. It's people who can't afford to build a good life for themselves.

Why do you think support has grown for the Liberal Democrats in recent months?

People are tired of the old two parties.

They see a politics of division and hate. Boris Johnson's Conservatives are pursuing a dangerous, isolationist path. Meanwhile Jeremy Corbyn has proven himself incapable of dealing with the rampant anti-Semitism in the Labour Party.

The Liberal Democrats are the rallying point for all those fair-minded people who believe in opportunity for all, internationalism and treating people as individuals.

We offer a departure from the politics of hatred and division. My party offers hope.



JO SWINSON *factfile*

Jo Swinson was born in Glasgow. She is married to Duncan and they have two young children.

She is the MP for her home constituency of East Dunbartonshire - having first been elected in 2005.

Jo has always focused on the future. As a Minister, Jo introduced shared parental leave, extended flexible working rights, clamped down on unscrupulous payday lenders and won government support to introduce gender pay gap reporting.

Outside of politics, Jo enjoys running - and has run several marathons, including in London, Stirling and Loch Ness.



**May
2019**

Lib Dems beat Labour and Conservatives in European elections.



**August
2019**

Lib Dems win in Brecon by-election - gaining it from the Conservatives.



**September
2019**

MPs from Labour and Conservatives switch to join Jo's Lib Dem team.

Restoring

FAIRNESS



Not long ago, people knew that if they worked hard and played by the rules, they could expect to get a fair wage, rising living standards, an affordable home and good public services.

"Sadly, for many, that is no longer true. But for tax-dodging rich individuals and big corporations, the party goes on," said Lib Dem leader Jo Swinson. "The yawning wealth gap between them and us is now beyond a joke. It has to change."

The Liberal Democrats demand better.

"If you work hard and play your part in society, then you deserve the rewards. You should get back something for what you pay in. The Liberal Democrats will stand up to power and privilege to bring back fairness and opportunity for the rest of us."

"We will be the voice for millions of voters who feel powerless and frustrated at the direction our country is taking."

Restoring Fairness

- ✓ **The Liberal Democrats will reverse the Conservatives school cuts with an emergency funding boost this year.**
- ✓ **Invest £100 billion in transforming our country's future – building 300,000 new homes a year and providing a cash boost to our schools and hospitals.**
- ✓ **Give the NHS the support it needs, by adding an extra penny on income tax ringfenced for NHS and social care services.**

*Across the UK,
more and more
people are
backing the
Lib Dems:*

"The Conservatives have become a party promoting an extremist view of isolationism.

"It wasn't an easy decision to make but I could no longer campaign for them.

"The Lib Dems are a proudly internationalist party and the only pro-business party left."

Gabriel Rozenberg,
former Conservative councillor in Barnet.



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across the UK

NHS threat under Trump and Johnson

Our NHS is in crisis and things are set to get worse if Boris Johnson stays in charge of our country.

We've heard Conservatives promise on the NHS time and time again. But in reality this winter, the NHS once again faces a crisis, with fewer resources leading to more cuts and more patients suffering.

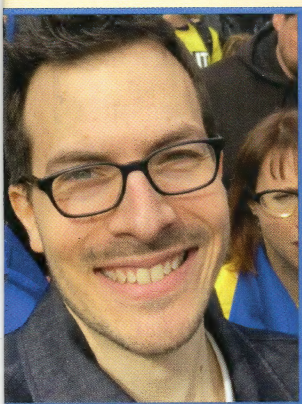
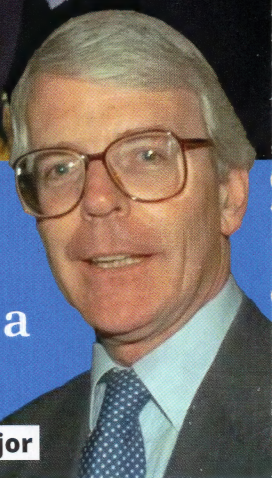
Jo Swinson said, "We will fight any attempts to privatise the NHS. Trump has clearly said that the NHS would be part of negotiating any trade deals with the US but let me be clear - The US health system is not a model any country should wish to replicate."

"A Liberal Democrat government will raise much needed extra funds for our NHS, starting with a penny on Income Tax to tackle the crisis. Under our plan, health and care services will be there for you and your loved ones when they need it, and won't have to stretch budgets to breaking point."



"The NHS is about as safe with [Boris Johnson] as a pet hamster would be with a hungry python."

Former Conservative Prime Minister John Major



"I left the Labour Party and joined the Lib Dems as it was clear Jeremy Corbyn's leadership was taking the party backwards and I didn't believe in his vision for Britain."

"The Liberal Democrats offered a political home for me as the only party providing answer to some of the big questions: the climate emergency, Brexit and our education system."



Liz Webster, former Labour Party member.



PROTECT O

Jo Swinson has been 100% clear. We need urgent and strong action to save the future of our planet.

How can we look our children in the eye if we don't act now to tackle the climate emergency? We are the last generation that can stop irreversible damage to our environment.

We need to move much faster and be much more ambitious in the steps it is taking to prevent the largest global crisis the world has ever faced, but the Conservatives have completely failed to do this. And as President Trump unpicks environmental protections one by one, harming the whole world in the

We're facing a climate emergency:

- ✗ Under the Conservatives the clean growth plan was delayed and an industrial strategy that virtually ignores climate change.**
- ✗ The Green Investment Bank, created when the Lib Dems were in government, has since been sold off.**
- ✗ The Conservatives just aren't taking the issue seriously. They have no plan for green finance and no sense of urgency.**

INVESTING IN OUR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Our teachers and support staff do a great job at trying to give every child a great start in life. But the Conservatives are holding them back.

They have created a funding emergency in our schools and only care about teaching our pupils to be tested.

Jo Swinson said, "The Conservatives have cut school budgets to the bone. Teaching assistants are being sacked and staff are buying basic supplies out of their own pockets. Our cash-strapped local council is struggling to support children with special educational needs.

"This is unacceptable. The Government have not given schools the resources that pupils need to succeed in life.

OUR PLANET

process, we need Britain to be a world leader in tackling climate change.

That's why the Liberal Democrats have just backed radical action to cut carbon emissions by 75% in the next 10 years.

We owe it to future generations to leave them a habitable planet.

If we don't take action immediately, the effects of climate change will destroy society as we know it in our own and our children's lifetimes.

Only a Liberal Democrat government will lead us far enough and quick enough to fight the climate emergency.



Lib Dems lead fight for our planet:

- ✓ **Cutting UK greenhouse gas emissions and reducing energy costs.**
- ✓ **Ending the use of fossil fuels in the UK economy. This includes banning fracking and the opening of new coal mines and pits, and replacing fossil fuels with renewable energy.**
- ✓ **Stopping Brexit and working closely with our European and global partners to raise ambitions on tackling climate change.**

"Boris Johnson just doesn't understand the urgency of the schools funding crisis. Teachers need resources this week, not next year.

That's why the Lib Dems are campaigning to reverse school cuts with an emergency funding boost.

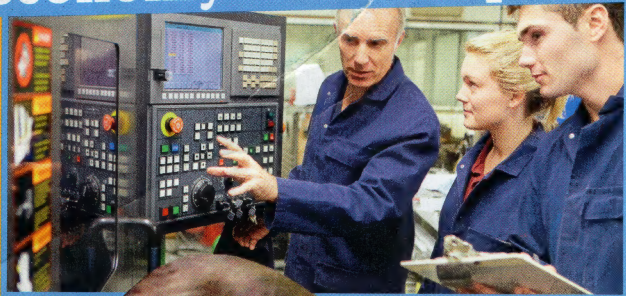
Jo added, "We also want to end the crisis in special needs funding and save our colleges by paying them the same per student as secondary schools."

"I want every child to be valued in our schools, so that they come home happier, healthier and with the skills they need to succeed in life, not just as children who know how to pass exams."



Jo Swinson's **plan for** Britain's future

**Restore fairness in our
economy and workplaces**



**Invest in schools
and our NHS**



**Tackle the climate
emergency**



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